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SUBJ: PRC'S OLDER OIL FIELDS PUSH PRODUCTION

1. KARAMAI OILFIELD IN SINKIANG HAS ANNOUNCED FULFILLMENT OF ITS 1974 CRUDE PRODUCTION PLAN AS OF DECEMBER 15. DAILY OUTPUT HAS INCREASED GREATLY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND IS 200 PERCENT GREATER THAN 1965 ACCORDING TO A SINKIANG BROADCAST (DECEMBER 16). KEEPING OPEN WELLS THAT ARE NORMALLY SHUT DOWN DURING WINTER PLAYED A LARGE PART IN MEETING THE PRODCUTION TARGET. EARLIER REPORTS CLAIMED THAT PRODUCTION HAS BEEN INCREASING SINCE AUGUST AND THAT REVITALIZING OLDER WELLS, THOUGHT TO BE NON-PRODUCTIVE BY THE " REVISIONISTS", CONTRIBUTED TO THIS (ER 19, HK 10487).

2. YUMEN, (UN KANSU) ANOTHER OLD FIELD, WAS FEATURED IN THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST DAILY, "TA KUNG PAO," (DEC 16) AS HAVING " INCREASED PRODUCTION " THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE
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ARTICLE MADE NO CLAIMS FOR REACHING ANNUAL TARGETS, YUMEN

WAS REPORTED EARLIER IN JULY TO BE AHEAD OF ITS ANNUAL PRODUCTION SCHEDULE. YUMEN'S SUCCESS WAS ATTRIBUTED TO RESTRUCTURING AND EXPANDING ITS FIVE FIELDS AND TO PIONEERING A TYPE OF WELL THAT RUNS WITHOUT NEED OF REPAIR FOR OVER 1,000 DAYS.

3. THE CURRENT MEDIA REPORTS DO NOT PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF NEW STATE FUNDING FOR YUMEN AND KARAMAI. RATHER , THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE FAMILIAR THEME OF SELF-RELIANCE AND OF UTILIZING EXISTING CAPABILITIES TO THE FULLEST. AT YUMEN, WHERE " HIGH OPERATING EXPESNSES" HINDERED FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION, THE MASSES REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT WAS BROUGHT IN TO PLAY. AT KARAMAI, WORKERS RELIED ON THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND MANUFACTURE NEW EQUIPMENT. AT BOTH FIELDS , THIS CREATED "FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR FURTHER TAPPING OIL POTENTIAL."

4. THAT KARAMAI FELT COMPELLED TO KEEP OPEN IN WINTER WELLS THAT IT WOULD NORMALLY SHUT DOWN, FURTHER STENGTHENS THE VIEW THAT THE CENTER HAS DECIDED TO PUSH OIL PRODUCTION HARDER. THE RECENT " COMFORT VISIT" BY THE SAVVY POLITBURO ALTERNATE AND SINKIANG FIRST SECRETARY SAIFUDIN ALSO POINTS IN THE SAME DIRECTON (HK 13572).
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